

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Arthur W. McCurdy, July 13, 1901

1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D.C., July 13, 1901. Mr. Arthur W. McCurdy, 1331 Connecticut Avenue, City. Dear Mr. McCurdy: —

Your note of today received. I am sorry you have had so much trouble over Ebedec matters and the bonds of the Gypsum Company, and I of course can understand your predicament.

I am unwilling to have anything to do with the Plaster bonds, even with the guarantee of the Keystone Plaster Company, and would not recommend Mrs. Bell to advance you seventy-five per cent on those plaster bonds pending a settlement and sale of the same.

I hope sincerely that you may be able to obtain a final settlement of the matter in two or three weeks as you expect; for then your bonds would be negotiable in the United States, and you would be out of your difficulty. In the meantime you know that you can call upon us to help you in tiding over matters — not as a matter of business but as a matter of friendship. I would not be willing to advance anything like six thousand dollars, but if one thousand dollars would aid you in tiding over matters, and you would like to borrow that amount, we shall be glad to advance it on your personal note.

Yours sincerely, Alexander Graham Bell